

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry piece that is being billed as a "documentary" just days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and IS OBLIGATED BY LAW to serve the public interest - the ENTIRE public interest, not just a select few parts. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It's important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter rather than severely construed programming.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.